

Ready, set, 'Party Time!' SBS News empowers young voters with a new political podcast

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What's each party promising this election? What's the deal with the teals? How do you swat away misinformation (but keep the memes)? Which electorates matter?

With the 2025 Federal Election set for 3 May and the finish line in sight, there's still plenty to unpack before young voters step into the polling booths—possibly for the first time.

Enter **SBS News journalists Elfy Scott and Rania Yallop**, hosts and guides to all things federal politics, explaining what to expect, what to look out for, and all the key issues shaping this election season in SBS's new political podcast—*Party Time*.



Artwork for 'Party Time' featuring Rania Yallop (L) and Elfy Scott (R).



This weekly 30-minute podcast gives a crash-course in politics parallel with real-time news so that young voters can make an informed decision come 3 May. Each week, Yallop and Scott will tackle one topic, breaking down the core policies and key debates in Australia. They will uncover the tactics you can expect from politicians, lobbyists and parties, contextualise the issues, and provide answers to questions like '[X politician] said this—what does it mean?'. The series will feature guest appearances from reporters at the heart of Australia's political homeland, along with experts to explain all the details.

"It's important that young voters have access to political content that's made for them," said Yallop.

"Our aim is to make those political debates a little less dry and more digestible for the average 18-30 year old who may be voting for the first time or have been a bit lost and disconnected with the news cycle."

The six-part podcast series explores the fundamental questions leading up to the election, with the first episode launching on Friday 4 April explaining how this year's campaigns are run. The series will also visit hot topics, including climate change and the cost of living, and identify the winners and losers in the party campaigns, highlighting the promises made and the ones that might have been overlooked.

As the 2025 Federal Election nears, the series will focus on the real-time debates as it covers critical ground in the leadup for voters headed to the polls.

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About SBS News journalist Elfy Scott:

Elfy Scott is an award-winning journalist, author and presenter. In 2019 Scott co-hosted the Spotify exclusive series *Left Right Out* that focused on informing young women about federal politics in the run up to the election. Since then, Scott has worked on several high-profile podcasts including *Mamamia's Out Loud*, *The Quicky*, and *The Spill*. She also hosted a season of *Mamamia's Lady Startup Stories* and produced and co-hosted the weekly environmental news podcast, *The Green Canary*.



About SBS News journalist Rania Yallop:

Covering the daily grind from the Australian Parliament House, Rania Yallop understands just how tedious politics can be – but also knows it doesn't have to be that way. She's on a mission to make politics a bit less boring. Prior to her time with SBS, Yallop worked as a producer for local radio in Canberra, earning the Best Newcomer Off-Air award in the 2021 commercial radio awards.



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